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1. SEK (CYPRIOT WORKERS FEDERATION) HELD ITS TRIENNIAL
19TH PANCYPRIAN CONGRESS FEBRUARY 12-13 IN NICOSIA (REF A).
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AS LAST SUCH CONGRESS WAS IN MAY 1973, THIS YEAR'S CONGRESS
WAS ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED IN 1976 BUT WAS POSTPONED DUE TO TURK-
ISH INVASION AND AFTERMATH.

2. PRINCIPAL BUSINESS DISCUSSED WAS ISLAND'S POLITICAL
PROBLEM. IN MESSAGE TO CONGRESS ARCHBISHOP MAKARIOS
PRAISED SEK FOR ITS PRUDENCE AND NOTED PARTICULARLY THE

RESPONSE OF WORKERS TO THE NEEDS OF THE GREEK CYPRIOT COMMUNITY IN LAST THREE YEARS. HE STRESSED CYPRIOT GRATITUDE FOR GREECE' SUPPORT SYMBOLIZED BY PRESENCE OF GREEK MINISTER OF EMPLOYMENT CONSTANTINOS LASKARIS AT CONGRESS. LASKARIS AND GOC MINISTER OF LABOR MARCOS SPANES GAVE PRO-FORMA SPEECHES TO CONGRESS. ICFTU PRERESENTATIVE ENZO SRISO EXPRESSED SATISFACTION WITH IMPROVED INTERCOMMUNAL ATMOSPHERE ON CYPRUS, REFERRED TO EFFORTS BY ICFTU TO CONVENE MEETING BETWEEN GREEK AND TURKISH-CYPRIOT TRADE UNIONS (REF B), AND NOTED ICFTU SECRETARY GENERAL KERSTEN IS READY TO COME TO CYPRUS TO ARRANGE SUCH A MEETING.

3. SEK LEADER MICHAEL IOANNOU, UNANIMOUSLY RE- ELECTED SECRETARY GENERAL, REGRETTED TURK CYPRIOT TRADE UNION LEADERS WERE NOT PRESENT AS IN PAST AND CALLED ON THEM TO COOPERATE TO CREATE CONDITIONS ON ISLAND TO BENEFIT ALL CYPRIOTS. TURNING TO SPECIFIC LABOR QUESTIONS IOANNOU PRAISED GOC FOR REPEALING SPECIAL SURCHARGE ON INCOME TAX TO BENEFIT REFUGEES; STRESSED SEK WILL GIVE PRIORITY TO HAVING GOC AGAIN PUBLISH COST-OF-LIVING INDEX TO WHICH INCOMES CAN BE ADJUSTED (GOC SUSPENDED PUBLICATION AFTER 1974 DISLOCATIONS); INDICATED SEK WILL SEEK IMPROVED BENEFITS IN MEDICAL SERVICES, HOUSING AND EDUCATION.

4. CONGRESS ADOPTED RESOLUTIONS ON CYPRIOT PROBLEM AND ADDRESSED THEM TO MAKARIOS, KARAMANLIS, PRESIDENT CARTER AND TURK CYPRIOT WORKERS.

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5. COMMENT: THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS CONGRESS IS THAT IT HAS FINALLY TAKEN PLACE. ITS ANODYNE RESOLUTIONS AND RESULTS DO NOT DETRACT FROM ITS IMPORTANCE AS FURTHER EVIDENCE OF MOVEMENT TOWARD PRE-1974 LEVELS OF ECONOMIC PROSPERITY IN THE GREEK CYPRIOT COMMUNITY. SEK APPEARS TO BE SENSITIVE, HOWEVER, TO THE FRAGILITY OF THE CURRENT ECONOMIC RECOVERY, AND THE CONGRESS SEEMS TO HARBINGER NO TOUGH LABOR DEMANDS IN THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE. DISAPPOINTMENT AT THE ABSENCE OF TURKISH CYPRIOT LABOR LEADERS REFLECTS THE GROWING FEELINGS OF HOPE FOR TISSUE-KNITTING BETWEEN THE TWO COMMUNITIES WHICH HAVE RESULTED FROM THE MAKARIOS-DENKTASH MEETINGS.

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